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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON EC-9 CONTROVERSY

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1. THE GOG ISSUED A STATMENT SEPTEMBER 15 CLEARLY GEARED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT FLURRY OF CRITICISM IN GREECE OVER ALLEGED DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEEGING IN VENICE (REFTEL. THE STATMENT NOTED THAT THE CONCERN WHICH THE EC HAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED RELEVANT TO CYPRUS HAS BEEN UNJUSTLY CRITICIZED ON THE BASIS OF "IRRESPONSIBLE INFORMATION".

2. THE STATEMENT CITED THE REMARKS TO THE PRESS OF  
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ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR AT THE CONCLUSION OF

THE VENICE MEETING TO PROVE THIS POINT. RUMOR'S REMARKS WERE QUOTED AT LENGTH, INCLUDING THOSE EXPRESSING THE REGRET OF THE EC-9 OVER THE FAILURE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW YORK AND THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NOTHING CONTAINED IN RUMOR'S STATEMENTS WHICH INDICATED THAT THE EC-9 HAD "IN ANY WAY" TAKEN A STAND ON THE BILL PENDING BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE GOG STATEMENT RECALLED THE EC-9 HAD REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND DECLARED THEMSELVES AGAINST "FAITS ACCOMPLIS." FINALLY, THE GOG STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD IN FACT DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO CONTINUE THEIR "FRIENDLY ACTIVITY TOWARDS THE CONCERNED PARTIES" AND HAD REITERATED THEIR HOPE THAT "NO UNILATERAL ACTION" WOULD CLOUD THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO CONTINUE.

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